

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives cheerfully pause to recognize a college athletic team which consistently sought to fulfill its potential throughout its 2001-2002 season; and

Whereas, the Evangel University Men's Basketball Team proudly finished the season as NAIA II Champions during competition on March 12, 2002, in the Keeter Gymnasium at the College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Missouri; and

Whereas, Head Coach Steve Jenkins, Assistant Coach Steve Shepherd, and Graduate Assistant Steve Gause did their very best to guide, teach, and inspire the Crusaders as they fought their way to compile an impressive record of thirty-five wins and only one loss; and

Whereas, ranked Number One in NAIA II all season, the Crusaders have also enjoyed recognition by winning the Heart of America Athletic Conference with a twenty-zero record and the Hart of America Athletic Conference Tournament; and by setting a new NAIA II record with the most consecutive wins (27), and most consecutive wins in a season (27); and

Whereas, few athletes possess the talent displayed by Crusaders Wes Murphy, Andy Truesdale, John Spears, Grant Curtis, Jason Stubbs, Luke Cooper, Bert Capel, Anthony Moore, Daniel Cutbirth, Dimitrius Breedlove, Judd Broxson, Chad Sleeper, Bryan Osterloh, Preston Ingram, and Luke Arthur:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously in commending and applauding the coaches and players of the Evangel University Men's Basketball Team for their admirable efforts in achieving this success; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Evangel University Men's Basketball Team.

Offered by _____

Representative Norma Champion, #134
 Representative Roy Holand, #135
 Representative W. Craig Hosmer, #138
 Representative B.J. Marsh, #136
 Representative Brad Roark, #139
 Representative Mark Wright, #137

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2002.

 Jim Kreider, Speaker